industries rubber processing industries and vehicular traffic.

(b) The Mathura Refinery is conforming to the prescribed standards and there is no plan to shift this industry to any other location.

Monitoring the Pollution Near Taj Mahal and Ganga River

1619. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:
SHRI BRAHMADEO ANAND PASWAN:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state the action that has since been taken by Government to monitor the pollution near the Taj mahal and the holy Ganga river in the light of the Supreme Court verdict directing continuous and close monitoring of such pollution, indicating the precise orders of the Supreme Court in the matter.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): The Hon'ble supreme Court vide its order dated October 27, 1993 had ordered the closure of 212 industries which have not installed Air Pollution Control devices in the Agra Mathura region. the Hon'be Supreme Court vide its order dated January 12, 1988, has also asked the Municipalities in the cities on the bank of the river Ganga in UP to file affidavit to the fact whether they have set up effluent treatment plants to the satisfaction of the UP State Pollution Control Board.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 10th September, 1993 had directed the Mathura Refinery to file a detailed affidavit giving the status of the functioning of Air Pollution Control devices, installed in the refinery.

The follow up action is taken up by the concerned Municipalities, and the UP Pollution Control Board. Status report is filed by the UP Pollution Control Board to the Hon'ble Supreme Court, from time to time.

US Aid to Pakistan by Dropping Pressler Amendment

1620. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N.E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the move by the US State Department of resume military and economic aid to Pakistan by dropping the Pressler Amendment which bars military and new economic aid to Pakistan unless the president certifies that Pakistan does not possess a nuclear device; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereato?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Government are aware that the US State Department has suggested a discussion draft to the US Congress on a new Foreign Assistance Act which seeks to repeal the pressler amendment and make it more generic in language.

(b) The discussion draft seeks to bar US foreign aid to "non-nuclear weapon States" which receive, on or after the date of enactment of the International Security Assistance Act of 1977, nuclear enrichment or reprocessing equipment, materials, or technology from any other country or receives a nuclear explosive device or datonates a nuclear explosive device. It allows for exemption "if the furnishing of such assistance is important to the national interest of the United States" and "will further US non-proliferation objectives".

Government consistently monitor developments such as these which impact upon India's security concerns. Government have already underlined its concern about the effect that the repeal